~~Not needful yt. I should [illegible] upon you~~

Less than 20 years ago, this Nation was lying in an almost utter apathy & indifference to a wrong, existing in its very midst, fostered by the Constn. & Government, winked at (& more than winked at) by ye. relig. bodies in ye. land — a wrong of gigantic extent & proportions, whether you consider its own nature or the number of its victims.

What was ye. wrong? It is not necessary yt. you should be told, yt. it was the holding of 2½ millions of men, women, and children in slavery; in a condition of moral, intellectual, & social debasement & corruption, — in a condition of ignorance, of brutishness, of vice, of sensuality in a condition wh. subjected them utterly and without any redress to the irresponsible will, to the caprice, to the excited passions, and to the avarice of a comparatively few persons, whom ye. laws & ye. customs of Society recognised as their Owners,

What a Monstrous Anomaly was this! In any country, what an unspeakable outrage! In this Country, what a burning disgrace, besides!

Conversion of God's creatures, Made in His image, into articles of merchandise, articles of sale & transfer!

Even y. Slaveholder Jefferson "*trembled* when he reflected yt God was just." Doubtless many another one has trembled, in view of y. same fact, and of his own tyranny & impenitence, who has not been equally frank to confess it.

A *peculiar* shame & disgrace to *our Country*, on acct. of the professions & pledges wh. this people had made. "All men created equal"— "Asylum for y. oppressed", "Refuge from the tyrannies of the old world", "Model Republic", "Standing proof of y. ability of y. people to govern themselves."

In defiance of all these things, y. Nation held 2,500,000 Slaves; 2,500,000 of those whom it had declared "endowed by their Creator with an inalienable right to life, liberty", &c. 2,500,000 of those whom it was pledged by every consideration of honor, humanity, and justice, to protect, relieve, and raise up from their wrong & degradation.

20 years ago, I repeat, the Nation lay in an almost universal stupor with regard to this thing. No one spoke about it; few cared, none dared to do so.

But 20 years have gone by, & what do we see? Many things enough to discourage & dishearten any men, it is true, except those who ~~trust~~ have a perfect trust in y. integrity and goodness of their cause, & who feel that it is God's call to them to urge y. Cause continually, in season & out of season, upon y. attention of y. country.

But we see, also, other things. We see y. country, in very many places, rocked with y. agitation of this great Question. We see it, indeed, y. *chief* question of discussion & controversy every where. We see it entering Legislatures, and even Congress itself, & overmastering every other topic. We see it become y. great test question in political parties; and we see y. most encouraging sign of y. South divided against itself upon this subject, the most eminent Slaveholders & Statesmen pitted ag'st each other with a vehemence & ~~that~~ depth of hostility such as has rarely, if ever, existed between y. South & y. North. It was one of y. tokens y. almost immediately preceded y. overthrow of Babel of old, y. their speech became confused, and those who once had laboured together commenced war upon each other. So we interpret y. divided language, feeling, & opinion of y. Slaveholders. We trust it is an omen of their speedy destruction of y. cruel abomination of Slavery.

And to what, & whom, is it owing, that this great change has come about?

Under God, to y. labours — y. determined persevering labours of a few, very few, men & women, who have been known as Abolitionists. Thro' revilings, & scourgings, & fines & imprisonments, through tortures & deaths, not unworthy of the best (or worst) days of the Inquisition, did this little company persevere, & work on, until a remnant of them lived to see the question, wh. once it was almost death to touch, y. chief question of y. land.

Now how have they been aided in their work? What has helped them? What has hindered them? Where have they found y. chief Bulwarks of American Slavery,

This becomes an all-important question, in determining y. fitness and rightfulness of y. measures wh. y. Abolitionists have employed

Aid has come to them from very few quarters, & only from isolated individuals.

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What part has y. Church taken?
(What is y. Church of this land?)

Church at first quiet – some few individuals in it came up strongly to y. aid of y. cause – the Abols. waited for them, waited upon them, sought their alliance & aid; indeed were themselves, generally, Ch. members, and fully expected y. Chh. to act.

But they found this w. lead to difficulty & disruption with their Southern members; & soon it appeared f. y. vast majority of y. Chh. were determined to take their stand with y. Slaveholders, & vindicate their right to hold slaves, & to y. name & character of Christians in so doing. (Exceptions)

Am.-Chh. y. Bulwarks, &c (Birney)
Church as it is.

"Ultraism" in
Abolition papers

A. Barnes
R. J. Breckinridge
The N. Y. Evangelist
C. Stetson
Nath. Hall

Now, I appeal to you, what part could honest antislavery men take with regard to such chh.?

Acknowledge them as Chh. of Christ!

Remain in them?

Or show, as all true Reformers have done, from Christ downward, with regard to a corrupt & false Church, yt. it was corrupt and false, yt. it was deceiving men, & could only lead its deceived & blinded followers into ruin

A great charge agst. ye Abols. that they attack ye Church. Yes! but what Church!

& 2. For what cause!

Why sh'd not the Chs. be reformed & opposed, if wrong?
They are human institutions + To take ye other ground is Popery

Protestantism attacks ye R. C. Church.

& so ye Examples

Quakers.

Whe

The Constitution and Union

Cease from
supporting them

How is this
going to do
the work

Have we not
heard of the
wonder working
Providence
of God. Have
we lost faith in it

GOD has given us a fair and a widespread land. ~~Prosperous~~ Active, industrious, enterprising, — the hum of cheerful labour, willingly toiling in expectation of ye fair & promised return, is heard on every hand. The ponderous trains which roll through these mountains from ye E. & ye W. almost every hour in ye 24, are continued reminders of ye vast popn. on both sides, and proofs of their steady & wisely-applied labours wh., in ye aggregate, can produce such immense results. Every power of nature, Water, Air, Steam, Electricity, are studied, brought into subjection, & made to subserve the comfort, ye ease, & ye improvements of ye people.

Education. Freedom of Conscience, Religious Privileges

But in ye midst of it, what a Blot! In ye 20, millions of this Nation, there are 3 millions, every one of whom GOD has commanded, & ~~still~~ this day commands us, to care for, love & help.

How do we do it?

1. Declare them property - created in ye image of GOD tho' they are, we sell them in ye shambles - Separation
exile
2. Take away all legal protection - no hold of a cruel master - Slaves dying under moderate correction
72 capital crimes
3. Take away Knowledge, by law -
4. Take away Religion - by law - (R. Catholic Church,)

Testimony of Jon. Edwards (Bowditch, 42)

Northern Religionists in full fellowship,

Keep ye testimony of Albt Barnes - (Bowditch, 3)

Bensonville.

Dedication.

Constitution &

Religious Bodies

Social Connexion

Business "

Mass. Convention of Cong. Ministers (1849)

N. H. Association (1849)

Nehemiah Adams, D. D.

and what is Slavery — 3, millions, no protection
72 Cap. crimes
No Education. Am. Bible Socy.

So I have shown you how y. Amn. people support Slavery:

1. By their Politics — Govt. & Union

2. By their Religion

Thus we have got y. name of Traitors, Infidels, & Fanatics

What is y. Remedy?

1. Stand out, from under this Govt. — "Have no fellowship"
2. " " from supporting their Pro-slavery Chh.

"They are Slaves, who dare not be
In y. right with two or three."

[An Address, at Rutland.]

[illegible] whom are, [illegible] witness's meeting to say openly whole matter

The story of Slavery is a melancholy & a humiliating one, in every aspect in wh. we look at it, & at every period of ~~its relation to~~ our country's history. — Its growth, its acquisition of power, its dictation to y. civil power, its subjection to itself of all ye. ecclesiastical & religious influences of y. country form a story most sad, most ~~degrading~~ disgraceful to this people.

Sketch of history - 600,000 slaves - 6 Slave st. - slavery supposed to be afflicted with a mortal wound - many Virginians & others opposed to fostering it.

How stood y. Church at y. time. (Read from Pillsbury.)

Then what was done in y. Constn.

"We have y. Constn. clearly with us," said J. C. Calhoun,

["If y. guarantees for y. Union are to be fought for, y. battle might as well commence in y. Hall of Reps. as anywhere else." (Richmond Republican).]

What Story, & others, said of y. Constitution.

Have we not explained why we oppose y. Union, & y. Churches?
Are we not justified?

"Power is always stealing from y. many
to y. few"

"Eternal vigilance is y. price of freedom."

This Union must fall — destined to be
short-lived; cannot be otherwise; decree
of the Eternal Law of God.

Type — "Slaves & the souls of men".

It is the Union of the North with the South,
politically & religiously, that ensures the
continuance of Slavery.

Old Monarchies are getting rid of Slavery,
Popery denounces it,
Even Mohammedanism rejects it; but
American Republicanism & Christianity,
both alike spurious &, foster it & claim
for it to be in accordance with the Word & Will
of God.

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